



LAUNCH OF THE MINING POLICY FRAMEWORK ASSESSMENT REPORT AND TRAINING SEMINAR ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFIT OPTIMIZATION

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INTRODUCTION

On July 12, 2017, the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) organized the national launch of the evaluation report on the Senegalese Mining Policy Framework (MPF) in Dakar, followed by a training workshop on socio-economic benefit optimization from July 12 to 14. The workshop was part of the second phase of the evaluation of the Senegalese MPF. The aim of the training session was to strengthen the abilities of Senegalese public and private parties working in the mining sector, who, on a daily basis, work on assignments relating to economic and social issues arising from mining.

In addition, a national multi-stakeholder discussion on Mauritania's MPF report and subsequent workshop provided an opportunity for national consultation between various national stakeholders on improving the sharing of mining rents between the central government and local authorities.

NATIONAL LAUNCH OF THE EVALUATION REPORT OF THE SENEGALESE MPF

Senegal's MPF report was the subject of a national launch chaired by the Chief of Staff, Mr. Mondienne Guisse, for the Ministry of Industry and Mines. Mr. Guisse reaffirmed Senegal's commitment to improving governance in its mining sector and welcomed the constructive collaboration between the IGF and Senegal. This was followed by a panel moderated by the IGF and composed of Mr. Guisse; the President of the Senegalese Chamber of Mines, Mr. Aziz Sy; Mr. Oumar Diallo, representing the civil society organizations; and Mr. Richard Faye, sub-prefect of a mining region in Manwane. Panellists were invited to share their thoughts on the findings of the impact report within the context of their activities, including actions taken to remedy the shortcomings identified in the report. Participants, all from a variety of backgrounds, welcomed the



methodology used and concurred with most of the report's conclusions, having already implemented some of the recommendations. Senegal adopted a new mining code in November 2016 and, despite provisions contained in this new code having been taken into account in the assessment of Senegal, participants at the forum noted the need to update the assessment results in light of the implementation of the new legislation.

The launch of the report attracted close to 50 people and generated a great deal of interest among Senegalese media, including a strong presence by print, radio and television. Clémence Naré of the IGF, Ms. Rokhaya Samba Diene from the Minister of Energy and Mines of Senegal, and Mr. Cheikh Zamel, the head of the Mauritanian delegation, responded to questions from journalists, as well as President of the Senegalese Chamber of Mines Mr. Aziz Sy.

THE TRAINING PROGRAM

Following the MPF evaluation, Senegal recognized efforts were still needed to optimize the contributions made by the mining sector to the sustainable economic and social development of local communities in Senegal. It is within this framework the training

workshop on optimizing socio-economic repercussions took place.

The training workshop was facilitated by Sylvie Charland of Monkey Forest, a consulting firm. The workshop brought together 40 executives from several Senegalese ministries involved in the management of the country's mineral resources, in particular the Ministry of Industry and Mines, the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Planning and various other ministerial departments. The private sector was represented by the Chamber of Mines, the Association of Local Service Providers and the President of the Senegalese gold miners' association. Civil society actors were represented by non-governmental organizations such as Publish What You Pay, Lead Afrique Francophone and members of the EITI National Committee. Local officials from two major mining regions in Senegal, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines, also took part in the training.

The training focused on the knowledge and tools stakeholders need to address key weaknesses and improve the social and economic management of the mining sector. The general objectives of the training are below.



GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING SESSION

The training workshop had several aims:

1. Strengthen the ability of government officials and other stakeholders to understand and develop strategies and policies used to maximize and communicate the socio-economic benefits of the mining industry to local, regional and national stakeholders. The objective is to give Senegal the tools required to integrate the following good practices:
 - Integrate the mining industry into community, regional and national strategies, for example, by integrating socio-economic planning into the licensing process and ensuring consultations are held with relevant stakeholders at different stages of the mining process.
 - Ensure, in collaboration with governments, mining activities take into account and support community education and health services.
 - Guarantee high standards of occupational health and safety.
 - Optimize employment and commercial opportunities on and around the mining site to ensure economic growth lasts longer than the mine's life cycle.
 - Address any possible security issues.



- Respect human rights, Indigenous peoples and the heritage of humanity through regulations that comply with international laws and standards.
2. Promote and encourage dialogue between the various Senegalese stakeholders involved in managing the mining sector.
 3. Create a framework for exchanging and sharing experiences with their Mauritanian counterparts who have also been the subject of an MPF assessment.





CONTENT OF THE TRAINING SESSION

The training session focused on the knowledge and tools needed by the various parties to address the main weaknesses in order to improve social management in Senegal's mining sector. The consultant spoke to participants about the reasons motivating companies to provide socio-economic benefits in mining project areas, the importance of consultation and engagement with communities, the concept of corporate social investment, funding of community development by businesses, local content in terms of employment and business opportunities as well as workplace health and safety.

The participants left the workshop with a strong commitment, notably from Mauritania, whose local authorities showed an interest in the issues addressed by continuously engaging with the trainers throughout the training and sharing their on-the-ground experiences. One of the undeniable successes of the training session was the strengthening of dialogue between the different national stakeholders and the sharing of experiences with Mauritania. Through the training, the IGF worked as a facilitator by enabling national private and public sector parties, as well as elected representatives, to discuss the challenges and opportunities for improving the social and economic management of this sector.

The training session had notably strong participation from women stakeholders and remarkable engagement by the keynote speaker, Ms. Rokhaya Samba Dienne.

At the end of the training session, an IGF representative invited participants to continue the model of meeting and consultation they had begun, and to maintain a regular dialogue between different actors on the themes of the MPF.

At the end of the training session, certificates of participation were issued to each participant.

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Energy and Mines, as well as the head of the Mauritania delegation, thanked the IGF for organizing this workshop in response to the priorities of their respective countries.

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